

Interview Summary	Application No. 09/115,654	Applicant(s) Shibata	
	Examiner Clark F. Dexter	Group Art Unit 3724	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Mr. Scott Wakeman (3) _____
 (2) Mr. Clark Dexter (4) _____

Date of Interview Oct 15, 2001

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 18, 26, 31, 33, 34 and briefly discussed proposed new claims 33-52

Identification of prior art discussed:
None

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:


Mr. Wakeman submitted a proposed amendment (attached in file) to obviate the rejections under 35 USC 112. The proposed changes were discussed and general agreements were reached as to how to obviate these rejections including adding the necessary structural relationships between the claimed elements; for example, by reciting that the claimed lock means are "operably coupled" to the claimed sensor means in claim 1. Further, it was proposed to add new claims 33-52. Mr. Dexter stated that further consideration of method claims 51 and 52 would be required as to whether they are drawn to a patentably distinct invention and can be considered in the present application.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

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